



## Quorn Local History Group Programme of Events 2026

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**Members £2 Visitors £4 under 16's £1**

**January -  
Thursday  
29<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

**MEMBERS  
ONLY**

### **Quorn Village On-line Museum – Sue Templeman (following the AGM)**

We begin the 2026 season with the AGM followed by a talk about Quorn Village On-line Museum. Sue will guide us through the museum's award winning website, offering tips on how to navigate it effectively and highlighting a selection of fascinating entries.

**February –  
Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

### **History of vaccination - Shaun Livsey**

A trip through the long and interesting history of vaccines from Smallpox to COVID. An introduction to how they work and a glimpse into future developments.

**March -  
Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

### **Elizabeth Heyrick & the Abolition of Slavery - Jess Jenkins**

Elizabeth was a humble Quaker of Leicester who dared to stand up to all in her pursuit of justice. Renowned as an anti-slavery campaigner, and active in social reform and animal rights, her powerful writings were hugely influential at home and abroad. Only now is she beginning to receive the recognition which she deserves.

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**April -  
Thursday  
30<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

## **The Y Station at Beaumanor & Garats Hay - Mark Temple**

Beaumanor Hall was the largest WW2 Y station and Mark covers the work done by the skilled 'listeners' from the ATS and others, many of whom were billeted in Quorn. The coded enemy messages they intercepted were sent down to Bletchley Park for deciphering, helping to bring about Hitler's downfall and the end of the war.

**May -  
Thursday  
28<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

## **What is the village but the people - Dennis Marchant**

Quorn has a long and fascinating history, from the early settlement to today. From its natural resources and contributions to hunting, transport, industry, architecture, etc. but what about the people? Dennis will present a selection of those that he believes left a lasting impression on village history. Will you agree?

Come along to find out.  
(Excuse the nod to Shakespeare!)

**June -  
Thursday  
25<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

## **The history of 94 Meeting Street - Sue Griffiths**

From 'The Bird in Hand' pub to 94 Meeting Street: a house through 200 years - Sue tells the story of her house, from the early 1800s up to 2025 - the people who owned it, the people who lived in it (including a hand-loom weaver, a butler and a railway ganger), and what became of them all.

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<b>July - Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm</b>  <b>MEMBERS ONLY</b>	<b>A guided walk around Quorn St Barts Churchyard</b> - <u>Sue Templeman</u> Instead of a talk, this month Sue will take us on a walk around the churchyard, looking at some of the characters that are buried there, the old Quorn families they belonged to, their stories and some of the interesting designs and imagery on the memorials.  <b>Meet by the main Church door, 7pm.</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>NO MEETING</b>
<b>September Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm</b>	<b>Flooding in Quorn</b> - <u>Duncan Jack</u> Ahead of the next flooding season, Duncan looks at the changing nature of flooding in Quorn over the last 250 years.
<b>October - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 7pm</b>	<b>Crime and Punishment</b> - <u>John Adsley</u> A Just Measure of Pain John will look at the changing definitions of criminality over the last 1000 years, the changing attitudes to punishment and measures to tackle crime in Britain. He will focus upon some celebrated cases including a notorious organised criminal gang in the Middle Ages, the hanging of an Earl and the greatest number hanged in one day, - all in Leicestershire. He will also focus upon several one-time residents of Quorn who were sentenced to death across three centuries and their stories.

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**November  
Thursday  
26<sup>th</sup> 7pm**

## **Lady Jane Grey - Sally Henshaw**

Lady Jane Grey is shown in the Paul Delaroche painting as a saint and martyr, but there is more to her story than this Victorian depiction suggests. Jane, from Bradgate in Leicestershire, known as the 'Nine Days Queen' was executed in 1554. Did her royal blood and ambitious relatives make her death inevitable, or could it have been different?

**All talks take place at the Quorn Church Rooms unless stated otherwise**

**The programme can be liable to change, check the QLHG website  
[www.quorndon.com/localhistory/](http://www.quorndon.com/localhistory/)**



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